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BY

J. M. (BUDDY) ROBERTS, JR.,
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"Buddy", as he is known to AP men around the world, writes a daily column of comment on and interpretation of international affairs which appears in AP member morningers throughout the U. S. and in many of the 54 countries served by the AP World Service. He was AP's Foreign Editor from 1940 until 1943.

Mr. Roberts has recently returned from five months' survey through Western European countries. His discussion topics will also include "German Industry Can Be Used Safely" and "Why France is the Weak Sister of Europe".

HOSTS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 6th: Monday, December 6th - Grace Corson; Tuesday, December 7th - Ralph Frantz; Wednesday, December 8th - Hester Hensell; Thursday, November 9th - Marion Sanford.

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WILL BE USED AS A TRIAL MONTH BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR KEEPING THE CLUB OPEN UNTIL TEN P.M. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD THAT THE CLUB BE KEPT OPEN UNTIL EIGHT P.M. ONLY FOUR NIGHTS A WEEK AND THEN ONE NIGHT A WEEK IT BE KEPT OPEN UNTIL MIDNITE. THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO CONTINUE THE PRESENT SCHEDULE OR TRY THE NEW ONE (MEMBERS DROP IN FOR COCKTAILS RATHER THAN LATER IN THE EVENING.)

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C H E S A P E A K E A N D O H I O L I N E S

There will be a meeting of the Ways and Means Committee on Friday, December 10th at 5:30 P.M. in the clubrooms, according to John Berkham, Chairman.

HEREBY... NOTICE... THE NEW YEAR'S PARTY OF THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB IN THE CLUBROOMS OVERLOOKING TIMES SQUARE WILL TAKE PLACE AS USUAL... COMPLETE WITH CHRISTMAS TREE, WONDERFUL GIFTS, THE VIEW AND A BUFFET OF HAM, TURKEY, ETC... MARK THE DATE.

A junket for South America of newspaper and radio men leaves this week for the countries south of the border. John Daly of CBS and Armando Zegri are some of the OPC members who will make up the party.

Charlotte Knight, correspondent for Air Force Magazine in the Far East, flew in from Tokyo for a few weeks and dropped into the Overseas Press Club office yesterday to say hello and get an autographed copy of "As We See Russia". She says that the Tokyo Correspondents Club has been done over and that the gang held a big party several weeks ago in celebration. Keyes Beech is reported to be doing a fine job as President.

The December issue of Reader's Digest carries an article by Bill Davidson entitled "Our Poisoned Waters"; a profile of Lowell Thomas, in which he is described as the "Stranger Everyone Knows"; a piece by member Frederic Sondern, Jr., called "South Africa's Garden of Eden"; Percy Knauth's Time-Life reprint "Gene Autry, Inc." and Dickson Hartwell's article, reprinted from Collier's, about Macy's Department Store.

J. P. McEvoy writes of the greeting card industry in the same issue of Reader's Digest; the piece is called "From Me To You" in which a hitherto unknown interlude in J.P.'s career as a journalist is revealed. At one time he was writing one hundred and fifty variations of how to say "Merry Christmas" and they all had to be different. The article is a reprint from the Saturday Review of Literature.

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Dave Eynon of Philadelphia journalistic circles is leaving for Amsterdam on December 18th via American Overseas Airlines (Dave says thanks to the Bulletin which promised free meals and drinks) and will contact some of our members abroad. He hoped to run into Hugh Conway over there but Hugh has already returned to the States as has Elizabeth Fagg who was doing some special articles in Germany and Western Europe for Reader's Digest.

In a speech to the Dutch Treat Club last week, Geoff Parsons, Jr., editor of the Paris edition of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, said that if a plane arriving at Templehof airport in Berlin missed the landing, it had to go all the way back to Weisbaden to get in line again because the landings were so closely timed at one minute apart that it was not possible to circle and try again.

Ralph Ingersoll, former editor of PM, married Mrs. Mary Hill Doolittle last week. The ceremony took place at Ingersoll's home in Connecticut.

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At a meeting of the Speakers Committee called by Chairman Tom Johnson, it was emphasized that speakers at our luncheons are not endorsed by the club and that the question period after the speeches gives everyone ample opportunity to bait and heckle the speaker.

Bob LaBlonde writes from Australia that he saw Max Boyd of AP in Cairo and George McCadden of UP in New Zealand. One of George's clients is the Oceania Daily News at Suva, Fiji Islands. The paper's slogan is "The First Paper Published in the World Today" which isn't half bad as Fiji is just this side of the International dateline. LaBlonde reports that one of the smaller Australian dailies, trying to rush into print with the news of Britain's royal birth, came out with this lead: "It was announced by Buckingham Palace this evening that a son was born to Princess Margaret and Prince Philip." Shocking news, eh, what?

Apropos of this news story, the AP does everything apparently. A note to editors on Nov. 14th said: "We plan to hold Elizabeth baby until around 6:30 P.M. for latest lead."

Ed Morgan has resigned from Collier's and has established a base in Paris to freelance in Europe. Ed sends best wishes to all hands for a Merry Christmas and a rambunctious New Year.

Ernie Pope has a startling article in the December issue of Argosy magazine. It is titled "I've Watched the Reds Sabotage Our State Department".

Bennett Cerf's summary of the best jokes of the year in the December issue of Cosmopolitan includes one heard at the Overseas Press Club about Winston Churchill. During the war, the Foreign Office insisted on reading all of Winnie's speeches before delivery. A brash under-secretary presumed to question a sentence ending with a preposition. Churchill summoned the offender and exploded "This is the kind of arrant pedantry up with which I will not put."

Lawrence Dame art editor and editorial writer of the Boston Herald-Traveler is now finishing a children's book called tentatively, "Just Rozy" concerning the globe-trotting adventures of his French bicycle. Then Dame and his wife, the former Marie Louise Evans of St. Louis, will work together on a book called "From a Beacon Hill Window" dealing with odd characters of Boston.

Joshua B. Powers of the Editor's Press Service was one of the U.S. newsmen decorated by the Government of Chile with the Bernardo O'Higgins Order of Merit. He was made a Commander of the order.

Edward R. Murrow of CBS has prepared a series of recordings which reenact the major events between 1932 and 1945. Using the actual voices of the people who played major roles during these years, the series is entitled "I Can Hear It Now" with Mr. Murrow's running narration. The records will be released by Columbia Record.



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The following applications for membership in the Overseas Press Club of America have been received. Please send in your suggestions, complaints or recommendations to Craig Thompson, Chairman of the Committee, in writing within a fortnight.

ACTIVE:

FLEISHER, ROBERT - formerly Stars and Stripes from June 1943 to Sept. 1945; North Africa for S&S from June, 1943 to June, 1944; Italy, June 1944 to Sept. 1945. OWI in Italy from Sept. 1945 to April 1946.

HOWARD, CLIVE - free lance magazine writer. April, 1944 to February, 1945, Central Pacific editor, Brief Magazine, official weekly magazine of the Army Air Forces in the Central and Western Pacific.

WILLIAM WEINSTEIN - NBC Newsroom. Stars and Stripes 1943 to 1945.

ASSOCIATE:

ROBBINS, CHARLES - Associate Editor, Coronet. War Correspondent for American Weekly, Jan. 1945 to August 1946 in England, France, Germany, Belgium, Denmark and Egypt.

SAMUELS, GERTRUDE - Staff writer and photographer, N.Y. Times Magazine and Sunday Dept. German DP camps, Jan. and Feb. 1947; Europe's Children, July, August and Sept. 1948; France Germany, England, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Italy. Also observer at UN International Children's Emergency Fund.

Robert Magidoff, formerly NBC and McGraw Hill correspondent in Moscow, is now lecturing around the country. His book on the Soviet Union is coming out on February 24th. To be published by Doubleday & Co., it will be called "In Anger and Pity". Bob was going to call it originally "The Kremlin Called Me Spy".

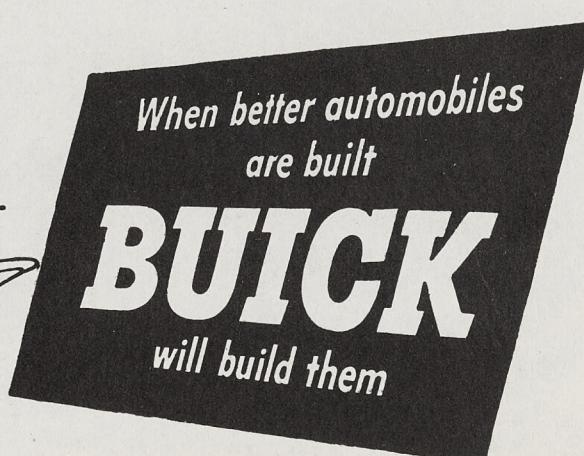
Ned Nordness has taken two years' leave from the International News Service to go with the ECA in Europe as Information Officer, with Special Mission to Norway.

Many OPC members attended the Newspaper Women's Club dinner dance. Glimpsed around were Whitelaw Reid and Wilbur Forrest; Bob Considine; Mary Margaret McBride; Joe Levy; Leo Branham; Ted Thackrey; Joseph Lilly; Edith Barber; Lynn Farnol, etc. In an impromptu performance, Mary Margaret McBride played Juliet to Tex McCrary's Romeo. From the balcony, Mary Margaret would switch from "Doest thou love me, Romeo" to "Tex, I can't read my next line". Considine gave a resume of the OPC trials and tribulations last year at our banquet--much to the delight of the audience.

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Thanksgiving morning was rather hectic in the Overseas Press Club offices. It was a mad scramble of eighty-nine youngsters and parents to catch the best places for watching the parade. No one was allowed out on the catwalk so that meant a sort of grading of sizes of the young fry. Gingerales, gumdrops and peppermints kept the kids happy while the bar opened at an early hour for Papa and Mama. The hit of the morning was Tom Chubb's three year old daughter, all dressed up in a little white flannel dress and frilly white apron. Although the children were hungry for turkey after the parade, the older folk were in the midst of all sorts of discussions. John Chabot Smith, Bob Considine, Bill Chaplin, John Martin, Ed Hunter, Marty Bursten, John Moroso, etc. were around. It was a grand beginning of a Thanksgiving Day.

W. W. Chaplin presided at the luncheon on Nov. 24th at the Hotel Biltmore. Victor Knauth of Omnibook magazine won the jackpot book of the day, "Tales of My People" by Sholem Asch, published by G.P. Putnam & Sons. Seated at the head table were John Daly, Bob Considine, Bill Brooks, Tom Morgan, H.V. Kaltenborn, Kathryn Cravens, Egbert White, Ralph Frantz and Wythe Williams. Glimpsed around were Bates Raney, Ben Wright, Farley Manning, Dick Hyman, Carol Colvin, Gerold Frank, etc.

Tom Morgan who introduced Mr. Farley recalled their celebration in Rome of the Repeal of the 19th Amendment over some choice wine. The speaker corrected Tom and said it was the 18th amendment. Farley and Morgan have known each other for many years and it all started in Rome.

James A. Farley, former Postmaster General, said that the most interesting people he had interviewed abroad were His Holiness, the Pope, Salazar of Portugal, Franco of Spain, King Umberto of Italy, De Gasperi, King Carol and Winston Churchill.

"Jim" Farley visited Ireland, France, Czechoslovakia, Berlin, etc. His interview with General Franco, which lasted two hours, reminded him of an interview he had with Mussolini in 1937. Wondering how he would be given dismissal, Farley finally heard the Duce ask him the question, "When are you leaving Rome, sir?" Franco did the same. Farley feels that we should use Spain as a landing base in case of another war and that we should not worry about the Civil war inasmuch as we did not ask Stalin any questions about his. Recognition of Spain, mother country of many South American countries, would also strengthen our position with Latin America. The transportation system in Spain would need financing, too.

Farley deplored the fact that we do not have enough practical men in our State Department. He said that we should have broken the blockade in Berlin when it was first started. He said that France was afraid of both Germany and Russia - wanted to "have her cake and eat it, too." Farley praised the improvements in Italy, the rebuilding and the hard work of the people.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor

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